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### Today's tweet

"The New York City blackout was 11 years ago today. Look at you young cool NYC kids, with your fancy LIGHTS, being all spoiled."

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What's trending online at Metro.us

1 'Zosia Mamet: "I've struggled with an eating disorder"'

2 'VIDEO: Cat gives adorable baby a massage'

3 'Watch Jimmy Fallon's heartfelt tribute to Robin Williams'

# NYPD targets bicyclist safety in new initiative

### Five boroughs.

Operation Safe Cycle focuses on making sure that cyclists are following laws.

Starting Wednesday, the New York City Police Department is launching another street safety initiative, this time focused on the city's bicyclists.

Whereas the department's previous cam-



Police will check to make sure that bicyclists halt at stop signs and follow other traffic laws. / GETTY IMAGES

paigns targeted drivers of the four-wheel variety, Operation Safe Cycle is focused on tracking and preventing hazardous violations that endanger both cyclists and pedestrians, police said.

Cops around the city will look out for any bicycle riders who they think fail to stop at red lights, disobey a traffic signal or sign, ride the wrong direction against traffic, ride on the sidewalk or fail to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Generally, bike riders

are subject to the same traffic laws that drivers are required to follow, along with the same fines.

But drivers aren't in the clear either, according to the NYPD's statement. There will be some attention paid to motorists who are seen to park in, drive through or generally obstruct designated bicycle lanes, which might create hazardous conditions for bicyclists.



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# City aims to reduce gun violence

New York City is prepared to commit \$12.7 million to draw down gun violence in some of the hardest hit neighborhoods.

Standing behind a mural at the Harlem Hospital Center on Wednesday, Mayor Bill de Blasio joined elected and agency leaders to announce what they described as a community

based, grassroots effort to curb local shootings.

"This is a comprehensive approach — that's what we believe in," de Blasio said.

Using programs and models developed in five neighborhoods, including what was described as crime "interrupters" who overcome their own troubled pasts to intervene potential conflicts, 14 precincts are slated to adopt practices that officials and community members hope will improve police and community relations.

Those precincts were described as the source for 51 percent of all shootings reported by the New York City Police Department in 2014.

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Visit Metro.us to keep up on all of the latest news in the Garner case.



People pray while walking in an anti-gun violence march in Crown Heights. / GETTY IMAGES

### Manhattan

#### Barneys shoplifter attacks cop

Police said an unidentified man clocked a cop on Saturday while he was being arrested for stealing clothing from a Barneys department store.

Two men were caught in the act at the store at around 5:30 p.m. over the weekend as they tried to

sneak out with two pieces of clothing that totaled \$860 dollars in price.

Officers apprehended one suspect, who remains in custody, as they cuffed the second man. However, the second man resisted, fighting off the officer.

The man fled on foot, leaving the cop with injuries to his back. He was taken to a hospital and then released.

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### Manhattan



#### De Blasio bashes report he would ditch Bratton over Eric Garner case

Mayor Bill de Blasio held nothing back in response to a DNAInfo news report that he was willing to drop Police Commissioner Bill Bratton.

The mayor didn't even let a reporter finish the question of whether he'd side with the Rev. Al Sharpton over his top cop on Wednesday.

"Idiotic. And look, I — I have a high pain threshold when it comes untruths being told in print, but this is ludicrous," the mayor said. "It's inappropriate. It's idiotic."

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# **Times Square. Characters fight back against spate of bad press**



**Spider-Man poses for a photo in Times Square as other costumed characters watch.** / BESS ADLER, METRO

After some arrests and bad publicity, the costumed characters who pose for tourist photographs in Times Square in the hopes of cash have formed an association to preserve a livelihood that has come under increasing scrutiny.

The new association wants to fight back against that image, according to Yamil Morales, one of the group's organizers.

"We're people who want to be treated as workers with dignity and

All smiles

The costumed characters of Times Square have formed an association.

- They call themselves the Association of Artists United for a Smile, a name chosen to reflect their claim that a tourist's happiness is no less important than any tip he or she might give.

not be treated as cartoon characters just because we wear a mask," Morales said in Spanish, speaking through an interpreter. Many of the performers are immigrants from Latin America.

Morales, a Colombian living in New York City who spends 40 minutes each day getting dressed up as the Batman villain, the Penguin.

More than 100 characters have since joined, he said. **REUTERS**

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# **Manhattan. Renters put moves on hold**

While summer is typically a busy season for Manhattan real estate, a new report shows renters across the borough might be biding their time to make a move.

Gary Malin of real estate brokerage Citi Habitats said the group's latest numbers indicate that Manhattanites are being more deliberative about moves as the average Manhattan apartment went for \$3,465 in July.

While the report said increasing rents have halted, even dipping a \$5 fraction since June, vacancy rates actually jumped up to 1.25 percent.

"This is the first time they've gone up," Malin said. "And this is the time of year when you certainly don't want to rack up vacancies."

Malin said the current rental landscape and pricing might be giving people pause, looking to the outer boroughs.

Malin said the current rental landscape and pricing might be giving people pause, looking to the outer boroughs to get people to act and the owner's feeling good about the rent that they would rent at," Malin said. **CHESTER JESUS SORIA**

## **Big expense**

According to the firm, Soho and Tribeca continue to clobber the market with the highest rents — from \$2,800 for a studio apartment to \$7,660 for a three-bedroom.

- Washington Heights remains the borough's most affordable, with an average \$1,250 for a studio and \$2,667 for a three bedroom.



# **Adopt a pet with Metro and ASPCA**

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Albany

## Cuomo kicks off Israel visit

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and other state politicians started a two-day unity visit with Israel on Wednesday.

Cuomo visited with Israeli President Reuven Rivlin.

"Everyone wishes for peace and that's our eternal hope, but we also understand your need to do what is right by your people in defense, and we're here to support you in that," Cuomo told Rivlin.

With a population of 1.7 million, New York has the largest Jewish population outside of Israel. **METRO**



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# Riots turn violent in Missouri



Police take up position to control demonstrators who were protesting the killing of teenager Michael Brown. / GETTY IMAGES

## Racial tensions.

Obama promised a full investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice into the teenager's death.

Violence again erupted in the St. Louis area near the site of the police shooting death of an unarmed black teenager, according to local police, despite calls by U.S. President Barack Obama and activists for a measured response.

Early on Wednesday, a police officer shot and critically wounded a man who drew a handgun near the site of protests over the death of 18-year-old Michael Brown, a St. Louis County Police Department officer said.

Police responded about 1 a.m. to reports of four or five men with shotguns and wearing ski masks. They encountered multiple suspects running, one of whom pulled a gun on an officer, who fired at him, the county officer said. The man was taken

to an area hospital.

Shortly after midnight, police fired tear gas into a crowd of protesters who had confronted a line of officers after a far larger crowd dispersed, St. Louis County Police Department spokesman Brian Schellman said.

A photograph in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch showed a protester wearing a shirt with an American flag printed on it throwing a tear gas container back at the police. There were other media reports of bottles thrown at police.

The incidents followed two nights of violent protests, looting and arrests in Ferguson, the largely black St. Louis suburb where the shooting of Brown took place.

Friends and family of Brown held a peaceful church vigil on Tuesday night, after his father pleaded for an end to the violence. Standing with supporters, including the Rev. Al Sharpton, Michael Brown Sr. said he wanted justice for his son but wanted it "the right way."

REUTERS

## Quoted

"I know the events of the past few days have prompted strong passions, but ... I urge everyone in Ferguson, Missouri, and across the country, to remember this young man through reflection and understanding."

President Obama said in a statement

## Civil rights

### Controversial police shooting

Rev. Al Sharpton, a New York-based civil rights leader, called for peaceful protest in the wake of looting and more than 50 arrests since the shooting.

"To become violent in Michael Brown's name is to betray the gentle giant that he was," Sharpton said of the 6-foot-4 Brown, who

had planned to start college this week.

Gov. Jay Nixon told a packed church in North St. Louis County on Tuesday evening the community was "reeling from what feels like an old wound that has been torn open afresh."

The activists also were demanding authorities make public the name of the officer involved. The police had said they would do so



Rev. Al Sharpton and Lesley McSpadden, the mother of the slain teenager / GETTY IMAGES

on Tuesday, but changed the plan, citing fears of retaliation, according to media reports.

Police said Brown was shot in a struggle with a gun in a police car but have not said why he was in the car.

A witness to the shooting interviewed on local media has said that Brown had been putting his hands up to surrender when he was killed. REUTERS

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## Long Island hit by flash floods after record rain

More than a foot of rain hit parts of New York's Long Island on Wednesday, enough to set a preliminary state record, triggering flash floods and swamping cars on major roads that were turned into rivers during the morning rush hour. Much of the rain fell during a particularly intense, two-hour burst while commuters were traveling to work. A total of 13.26 inches of precipitation was measured at MacArthur Airport in Islip. **REUTERS / GETTY IMAGES**

Opinion

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# WHAT WOULD MARYAM DO?

Quoted

"Her field of study is specifically related to Riemann surfaces. I have no idea what this means."

As a father of two daughters, I appreciate the many challenges facing young women these days. They are pelted with impossibly perfect air-brushed bodies in magazines. They're told looks don't matter even as they are straightjacketed with expectations about fashion, makeup and hair. They encounter woman-on-woman friction. And of course, they endure the endless dumbassery of men.

So you can imagine my delight this week, when I read something wonderful: A woman has won a Fields Medal.

I realize this might not sound impressive if your first question is, "What the heck is the Fields Medal, anyway?" For those of us who struggled with College Algebra 101 ("Can I have all the drama majors please raise their hands? Yes, thank you.")

the medal is like an Oscar for people who are into math. It was first awarded in 1936, and this year it will be given to four people, including an Iranian woman who teaches at Stanford. Her name is Maryam Mirzakhani.

And considering that she is the first woman to ever win this award, yeah, it's a big deal.

Her field of study is specifically related to Riemann surfaces. I have no idea what this means. I saw a bumper sticker once that said, "Honk if you believe the Riemann Hypothesis."

Both of my daughters thought it was hilarious, but then they are in math-heavy fields at the ridiculously challenging Georgia Institute of Technology, so they're used to seeing me befuddled. Anyway, I suspect that Mirzakhani's work is somehow connected to all that.

But frankly, I don't care what she is doing, I'm just glad she's doing it and being recognized. I hope a lot of people feel that way. I hope they write her name down, tape it to the refrigerator or punch it into their iPhones as a daily reminder of the real value of smart, hard-working women.

And maybe amid all our keeping up with Kardashians and fretting over Bachelorettes, some more daughters will be urged to ask when making their life choices, "What would Maryam do?"



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## CDC. More middle-aged women having babies outside of marriage

The body of an American tourist has been found stuffed into a suitcase in Indonesia's resort island of Bali and the victim's daughter and her boyfriend arrested for what police suspect was a gruesome murder.

"There has been no confession yet, but the couple are now being detained and interrogated," Hery Wiyanto, Bali police spokesman, told Reuters, adding that the killing took place on Tuesday.

Heather Louise Mack, 19, and Tommy Schaefer, 21, were arrested on Wednesday after a day-long chase.

Ida Bagus Putu Alit, a forensic expert at the hospital that conducted an autopsy, said Sheila von Wiese-Mack, 62, had been "hit by a blunt object and the blows were concentrated on the face and head." **REUTERS**



Single moms / COLOURBOX

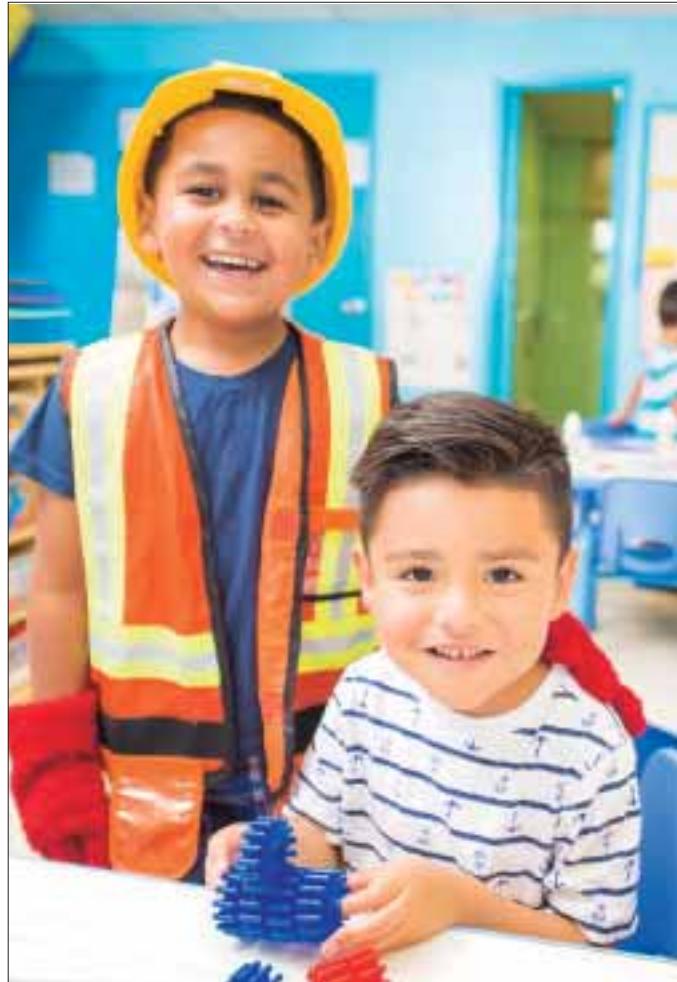
from 2007 to 2012 and 7 percent during that time for those aged 35 to 39, the CDC said.

"Many women are postponing births until their 30s, and the stigma of having a child outside of marriage has faded," said Andrew Cherlin, a sociology professor at Johns Hopkins University who has studied the issue but was not involved with the CDC report. **REUTERS**

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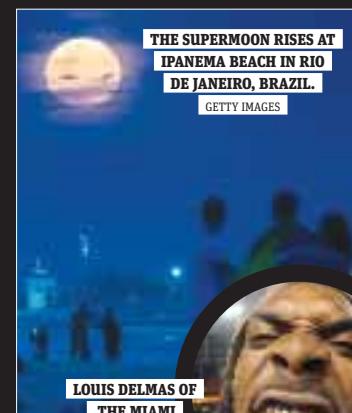


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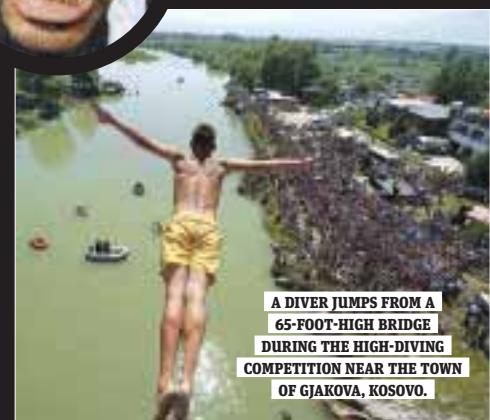
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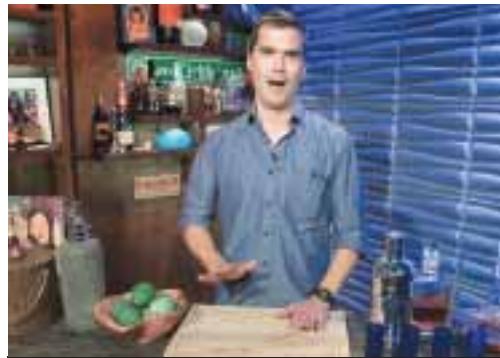
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## CULTURE



Good boys (and girl)

### Antonio Banderas, Jet Li, Kellan Lutz and Ronda Rousey

Antonio Banderas went through a divorce recently, but he's otherwise just a nice-seeming guy who likes being a ham. Jet Li is too busy perfecting his martial arts to get into much trouble. Kellan Lutz was in some terrible vampire movies, plus a dreadful Hercules movie, but his real life seems fine. Real-life MMA star Ronda Rousey's only sin appears to be trash-talking — as if no fighter had ever done that.

#### By the numbers

53

The mean age of the Expendables

27

Age of the youngest: Ronda Rousey

72

Age of the oldest: Harrison Ford

**The lowdown.** Put together, the cast of "The Expendables 3" has enough checkered pasts (and presents) for everyone.

The Expendables are back (some of them, anyway). A few, such as Bruce Willis, have left, and still more AARP-aged badasses and some young-uns have joined up. These are men (and one woman) with long, colorful careers, on screen — and in some cases, off. Here are the skeletons in their closets:

### Sylvester Stallone

**Merits:** As an improbable Oscar-winning screenwriter, Sly's a ringleader for aging ass-kickers everywhere.

**Sins:** Stallone has plenty of dodgy films on his CV. Worse, he has a habit of calling others — like Bruce Willis — greedy, when few have made more unnecessary sequels.



### Wesley Snipes

**Merits:** A reliable action god, Snipes is also a very good dramatic actor; see "White Men Can't Jump" and "Jungle Fever."

**Sins:** There's a reason Snipes hasn't been on screen since 2009's "Brooklyn's Finest": He was in jail. In 2006, it was revealed Snipes had for years not filed his federal income tax returns. He was convicted and sentenced to three years. In this, his comeback film, he's actually broken out of prison.



### Dolph Lundgren

**Merits:** The one-time He-Man was also in "Red Scorpion," produced by Jack Abramoff. And he boxed Rocky.

**Sins:** Lundgren chose what turned out to be a career as a second-rate action star over a Fulbright Scholarship to MIT. "Universal Soldier" is better than science, looks like.



### Kelsey Grammer

**Merits:** He scored back-to-back sitcom monsters with "Cheers" and "Frasier," and has since reinvented himself as a sociopath on "Boss."

**Sins:** You wouldn't know it from the neurotic, buttoned-up characters he tends to play (or his conservative politics), but Grammer has suffered substance abuse problems — which isn't really a sin. He is also the alleged star of a sex tape, though the footage has never surfaced. Alas.



# GRUMPY OLD MEN



The guys from "The Expendables 3" didn't stick out at all when they invaded this year's Cannes Film Festival. / GETTY IMAGES

## (WITH GUNS AND SCANDALS)



### Mel Gibson

**Merits:** One of Hollywood's finest actors, Gibson can do intense and charming and much in between.

**Sins:** Mel Gibson has some issues.

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### Jason Statham

**Merits:** Probably the last classical action hero, this bullet-headed god cranks out one fun, '80s-style genre movie after another, the best being the "Crank" pictures.

**Sins:** When he was younger he was forced by his father to be a street seller, peddling fake perfume and jewelry to make ends meet. He was even doing this when he was a model, even though he didn't want to. But he got over that pretty quickly.



### Robert Davi

**Merits:** One of the '80s most oily baddies, Davi haunts "The Goonies" and plays one of the more intense Bond villains in "License to Kill."

**Sins:** Davi's rap sheet is pretty clean. But we'll bet a guy this interesting has gotten himself into some amazing trouble.



### Harrison Ford

**Merits:** He's Han Solo, Indiana Jones, Jack Ryan and that slimy guy from "The Conversation."

**Sins:** He's a notorious crank — or at least that's his persona. It's not unearned: He understandably doesn't like dumb "Star Wars" questions, but he always seems intimidatingly irritated. If you ask him good questions — say, about his friendship with legendary French filmmakers Jacques Demy and Agnes Varda — he's a peach.



### Arnold Schwarzenegger

**Merits:** He's that guy from "Junior."

**Sins:** While he was campaigning for his first term, allegations emerged about sexual misconduct, as well as shockingly misogynistic comments about women.

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"The Expendables 3" is Sylvester Stallone's third outing with the series. / GETTY IMAGES

As head Expendable, Sylvester Stallone has never been one for too much humility, and given the success of his "Grumpy Old Men with Guns" franchise, he has no need to be. That can lead to some pretty impressive statements from Sly. Here are some of our favorites from his "Expendables 3" press tour:

### On whether he has considered retirement

"Why? I'm not ready to sit at home and play with Pomeranians 12 hours a day. I'm just not ready. Remember in old vaudeville, there was a cane that came out and snatched you off the stage? Well, I'm waiting for that. Until they just hook me off the stage, that's it."

### Working with the new, younger cast

## Q&A SYLVESTER STALLONE: ROCKY PULLS SOME PUNCHES

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"I remember the first time I came [to Hollywood]. I was like these guys. I get on the elevator and there's Paul Newman. And you're not prepared for it. You think you're prepared for it. And then you wonder if they feel the same way about us. I'm sure they do."

### The departure of Bruce Willis from the franchise

"What happened with Bruce Willis? Well, things didn't work out and then Harrison Ford came along. It's just the way it is. It's nothing personal. It

sounded like it got personal and I'm sorry it did sound that way, but it was just actors talking and things move on."

On opening around the same time as "Sin City: A Dame to Kill For," which features Willis

"Oh, 'Sin City'? I must crush you."

### Aging in general

"Age is a state of 'old' mind. It gets to a point where if you get old enough, you forget how old you are, and that's the best thing. You walk around, kind of like in a fog. So you really don't know how old you are until you find yourself watching 'The Teletubbies' drunk one night and you're like, 'I'm really f—ed up.'"



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## Talk. Gibson swears he's not the bad guy – in 'Expendables,' that is



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### Director's chair

#### Doing his own thing (again)

While Gibson clearly had a ball with the "Expendables" franchise, he's got other work on his mind, primarily directing. "I think the most fun you can have standing up is directing a film. It's, like, my primary want. That's my gift, I think, direction. I'm going to pursue that," says Gibson, who won a directing

est, but there was no one to love, really."

Joking aside, Gibson was eager to put his own spin on the character of Conrad Stonebanks, a former Expendable turned arms dealer with a Stallone-sized chip on his shoulder. "I kind of worked on the script a little bit and I came in and hammered it out," he says. "I handed out the pages to Sly and [director] Patrick [Hughes] and they looked at it and went, 'Yeah, it's cool.' It was just a theme of somebody who was subcontracted by his government and then thrown under the bus — a real person." **NED EHRBAR**



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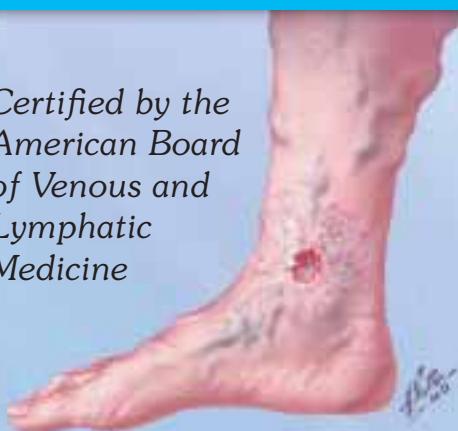
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Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon return as their on-screen sort-selves for another round of dining and impressions. This one's in Italy, and this time the one who's not very happy and having flings is new father Brydon.

**The lowdown:** Coogan and Brydon have such a lived-in chemistry that they could conceivably do one of these every year without running out of off-the-cuff goods. The films are more than just inspired riffs,

though: They look at middle age and regret. This one doesn't get as down as "The Trip," in part because Coogan (or "Coogan") is now at a slightly more contented place, while Brydon — however low he's feeling — doesn't let even guilt get him down.

Much more importantly, this is nearly as screamingly funny as the first. Coogan and Brydon even dare to revisit the bit that made them Internet superstars — their dueling Michael Caines — only to take it in another, hysterical direction. Some of the funnier bits aren't impressions, although Brydon does do a killer Hugh Grant. **MATT PRIGGE**

# 'The Giver'

## 'The Giver'

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In "The Giver," young Jonas (Brenton Thwaites) discovers that his utopia is actually a dystopia, with "elders" (led by Meryl Streep, in a silly white 'do) who forbid feelings, knowledge of history and anything from the outside world. The film is fighting its own internal battle against the clichés of the YA genre. How'd that go?



Jeff Bridges teaches Brenton Thwaites about

"The Giver" is not just another YA movie. In fact, its source is one of the prototypes of this new wave. Lois Lowry's novel came out in 1993 and, as many teens know, has been a favorite among outside-the-box-thinking educators. A film version has been in the works for ages. Co-star Jeff Bridges — who plays the titular elder tasked with passing his knowledge on to Jonas — has been with the project for many years. Bridges even wanted to make it with his father, Lloyd, playing the Giver.

Unfortunately, the long gestation period not only robs the film of some of its power, it forces it to adopt certain (but not all) genre tropes. Like "The Host," it partially ruins the surprise of its world in the opening narration track, with a driven, flat-voiced Jonas spilling most of the rules right away. There's a strict curfew and weird bicycles. There are no surnames, dreams or animals. Touching people who aren't family members is forbidden, and everyone must use "precise language" (which seems a little vague). Everyone's a mere cog, and so, to a degree, is the movie, which of course could become a franchise.

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But "The Giver" distinguishes itself in a few ways. It's about a boy, for one, in a genre that has drifted away from the Y chromosome. Then again, it's not really strong on action — one of the hallmarks of YA movies. In fact, the action scenes are weak — strange, since director Philip Noyce has made films like "Patriot Games." It's more interested in the cerebral, with Jonas spending most of his screen time hanging with Bridges' Giver. He's basically the Haymitch Abernathy of this world: the wise and weary elder.

The business between The Giver and Jonas feels original, but little else in the film does. In fact, when "The Giver" isn't reminiscent of recent YA movies, it's reminiscent of other very famous dystopias. The notion of a cut-off civilization is nothing new, and the killing off older people while pretending to send them to a glorious after life — as happens here — is very "Logan's Run." Granted, not many saw the Swedish film "The Bothersome Man," which also depicts a bland utopia, but that film did it with far more rigor, as well as actual jokes.



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## Conclusion

### But there are bigger problems

A more crippling issue is its relentless, oppressive humorlessness. "The Giver" has a premise that could at least spawn some amusing jokes, but it can't even get much mileage out of having our lead get schooled by The Dude. It's an earnest film, made for people who've never seen a dystopian film and might think it's original.

The scenes between Bridges and Thwaites are the best, with the Giver sending Jonas on little mind trips. These sequences are done in mad, sensuous rushes. Other stylistic moves are less successful. It tries to do "Pleasantville," starting in black-and-white and slowly gaining more color. But it's sloppily performed, and the colors are too muted to have impact. It's just another way the film's noble intentions are ruined by a so-so execution.

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Michael Fassbender, center, has never been more handsome than in "Frank." / MAGNOLIA PICTURES

### 'Frank'

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One of the world's handsomest actors, Michael Fassbender, disappears behind a goofy papier-mache head as the lead singer of a deafening noise rock band trying to make a record and hit SXSW with their new, possibly too polite keyboardist (Domhnall Gleeson).

The lowdown: Improbably, this goofy tale is rooted in reality. It's based mostly on Chris Sievey, a musician who wore a fake head that looks exactly like the one obscuring Fassbender's face. (There are also bits of Daniel Johnston, Syd Barrett and Captain Beefheart in there.) In fact, "Frank" turns out to be less quirky and twee than deadpan and absurdist, which is to humanity's benefit. Fassbender is still very much present, in his snakelike body movements and dry delivery of some very funny lines. (At one point, to ostensibly make things less awkward for everyone, he narrates his facial expressions.) "Frank" is also rougher and darker than it could have been, mostly thanks to fellow band member Maggie Gyllenhaal, who never smiles and never misses an opportunity to be mean to Gleeson's nice guy. That makes the perhaps inevitable third-act slide into sadder territory a bit less jarring, even though it winds up going much too far into the real world.

Still, a strong finish atones for the tonal shift, and it's more honest (and, well, frank) about today's music business than "Begin Again." MATT PRIGGE

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Our cake involved a 6-inch tier of marble (chocolate and vanilla) cake under a 4-inch tier of devil's food cake with raspberry filling. It served 12. The vanilla buttercream icing was an ombre of purple to white in rosettes. / EMILY ANNE EPSTEIN

**1** The first step is to schedule a tasting of flavor combos that catch your eye on the menu (the Hummingbird is a must-try). Sweep past the line at the counter like a VIP and take a seat in the party room in the back. You'll be offered coffee and tea while your sample cakes are sent out. Bite by bite, you can decide which icing, filling and cake type you prefer (pro tip: Bring a notebook). We were also sent home with the remains of our cakes for the rest of Metro to enjoy!

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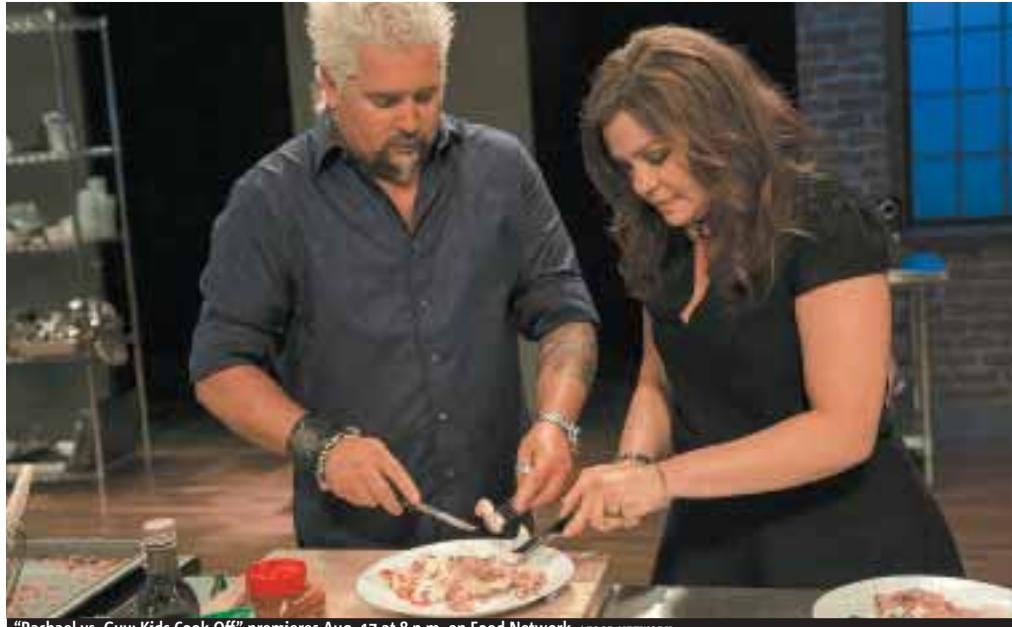
## Cook-off.

The Food Network stars face off in a battle between kids.

Rachael Ray and Guy Fieri are getting pretty used to being a team. The duo have worked together on quite a few Food Network shows. The latest place you can catch the two of them hanging out? The return of their family-oriented cooking competition, "Rachael vs. Guy: Kids Cookoff," which begins its second season Sunday. The series pits two teams of kids against each other, coached by one of the titular chefs, with the prize being a cooking Web series of their own.

Since it's a competition, we thought we'd get Rachael and Guy's takes on the show and working with each other.

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"Rachael vs. Guy: Kids Cook-Off" premieres Aug. 17 at 8 p.m. on Food Network. / FOOD NETWORK

### What to watch

#### Rachael Ray's TV pick

While people may be used to taking Ray's advice on cooking, she's also a bit of a pop culture aficionado. She confesses to watching a lot of "Columbo" growing up, but says her favorite show on now is "An Honorable Woman," Sundance's miniseries about an Israeli woman in England navigating the difficult ties between her home country and her adopted country.

"It's so good! It's great," enthuses Ray. Of the constantly shifting allegiances and untrustworthy characters, none of whom seem exactly like the good guy, she says "That's what's fabulous! Everybody sucks."

Watch it tonight with Rachael in spirit at 10 p.m. on Sundance.

# Rachael vs. Guy

### Rachael

#### On why she's doing the show

"The kids initiative I have spends a third of its money on scholarships, a third of its money on eradicating hunger and a third of its money on lowering obesity rates. I think that kids getting excited about cooking improves all of those areas, and a show like this is really important. ... To get kids excited other kids about cooking, being in a kitchen, caring about where their food comes from and feeding themselves and their loved ones is an important thing."

#### On being a young cook herself

"I think I was 11 the first time I prepared a meal by myself. It was my mom's birthday and I made lasagna roll-ups with spinach and mushrooms and a Gorgonzola love him for it."

wine sauce. I made the fabulous wine pairing of a mimosa."

#### On her co-star

"I describe Guy very appropriately as my 12-year-old friend who's always getting me in trouble with my mom. ... We love hanging out and eating together and pulling pranks on each other. He's much better at getting them over on me than I am at getting them over on him. He scares me within an inch of my life at least three or four times per run. Literally, I think some murderer's going to stab me. I feel like I'm in the movie 'Scream' half the time with Guy. Or we're off ... acting like children more so than the children we're working with. He's a goofball, and I love him for it."



RACHAEL RAY  
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### Guy

#### On why he's working on the show

"We have childhood diabetes, we have childhood obesity. These are not things that we're supposed to be having our kids experience. ... And so this opportunity for families and kids to recognize that kids can actually participate in cooking in the kitchen — kids as young as 8 and 9 years old — and the parents can get that revelation of, 'Wait a second, we cook dinner every night, why don't I have my child helping me?' They can learn to use a knife, they can learn how the stove works; it's so much about education."

#### On his co-star

"I think Rachael's pretty

transparent on a lot of things. She's a very smart businesswoman. She's probably one of the most giving people that you'll ever know. She's incredibly generous and just takes care of everybody, but she's a fierce competitor. Rachael and I are best friends, I have an incredible relationship with her, but the gloves are off. When it's go time, it's go time."

#### On why the media loves to hate him

"I couldn't even tell you. I think it's just people are bored and looking for something to talk about. Everybody's under critique for something, and those that are doing the critiquing, I don't know what their motivation is, but it's not something I even worry about."

### TV watch list

#### DRAMA

#### 'Gang Related'

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#### REALITY

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#### COMEDY

#### 'Garfunkel and Oates'

Riki and Kate meet the stars of the porn parody that was made about them and end up competing with them for a job. **10 P.M., IFC**

#### DRAMA

#### 'Rookie Blue'

Andy and Chloe find themselves investigating a much larger case after they help a man who's been beaten up. **9 P.M., ABC**

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Time for coffee and serious faces on "Rookie Blue." / ABC, KEN WORONER

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## Lively wants to procreate like an animal

Blake Lively is so hot on the idea of having kids, she's even envious of the birthing habits of other mammals. "I've got to get started. If I could spit out a litter of kids, I would," she tells

Marie Claire. Sounds messy, and not at all like something you'd expect her Paltrow-ish lifestyle Web site, Preserve, to recommend. But hey, get your litter on, Blake. As for husband Ryan

Reynolds? His opinion on the matter, according to this totally taken-out-of-context quote from the same interview? "Honestly, all he wants to eat is hot-fudge sundaes," she says.



Will Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds be having a litter of kids soon? / GETTY IMAGES

## 2 Simmons thinks everyone should learn English



GENE SIMMONS  
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Professional jerk and sometime musician Gene Simmons is going the tough love route when it comes to immigrants who've just made it to the U.S.: "I'm actually saying the thing that needs to be said because the politically correct climate is bulls—," Simmons tells Huff Post Live. "You don't want to upset anybody by saying, 'Learn to speak English.' As an immigrant, I'm telling you: Learn to speak English. It is the key that will unlock the keys to the kingdom. If you make the effort, then all the possibilities of this culture will open up for you and give you all the rewards that I've gotten."

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**Trends.** Before you buy the most important item in your wardrobe for fall, consider these.

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It's two weeks until Labor Day, yet the only thing we want to do is shop for fall. Chalk it up to years of excitement-filled back-to-school prep — that, and the lust-worthy coats we saw coming down the fall/ winter runways.

It started with robe-coats at Richard Chai — the plaid one will be ours! Then came nubby shearlings and colorful statement-making furs galore (BTW, Shrimps makes the most awesome faux versions).

If you're going to blow a rent check on fashion this season, we'd make an argument for outerwear. Here are three of the top fall runway trends and best budget-friendly options.

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# What women want in bed, part 2

Last week, I talked about what women really want in bed. Here's Part 2 of the series, in which we explore the power of human touch.

### Make it all about her

*"Nothing better than a massage with slow circles on my back and baby oil down my legs."* YOLANDA K.

*"I want him to look at me, directly into my eyes, especially as he puts it in. OMG."* SAMANTHA D.

She wants to feel special. She wants to feel desired. And she might want to be spoiled, too. But let's remember that she is also allowing another human

being inside her body, and that comes with a combination of comfort, submission and trust.

**Bottom line:** Take the time to make things about her, and she will more than likely willingly reciprocate. A little extra effort goes a long way.

### Go down, now and always

*"I like when he does it, but I like knowing that he wants to. That he wants to taste me is such a turn-on."* ANNA G.

About 75 percent of all women never reach orgasm from intercourse alone. That means if he's not going down, there's a good chance

**Up:** Comedian Norm Mac-Donald's gave a moving tribute to Robin Williams for his incredible humor and his desire to engage.



**Down:** The Funniest Man in the World passed away this week. But let's get something straight: We didn't lose him to suicide—we lost him to depression. RIP, Robin.

she's not getting all she can out of the situation. If she allows him to put his tongue in the Holiest of Holies, he better not only value it, he needs to know what he's doing. And that actually means: How does she like it, when and how often?

Oral sex is a special level of intimacy. It creates a trust when you allow someone to experience your body so closely. And that trust and allowance can provide for incredible physical and mental release and pleasure.

**Bottom line:** Go down. (What else is there to say?)

### Kiss her. Really kiss her

For exclusive commentary, visit [Metro.us/blogs](http://Metro.us/blogs).

*"I want him to kiss me deeply. Slowly. I want to feel him love me and want me."* MARTA L.

Kissing provides a closeness that is personal, passionate and communicates many things — from the first kiss onward.

What she wants in a kiss: Start gently. Let your mouth wander as she allows, but pay attention to her responses. Light strokes on cheeks, neck and back get extra points. A light caress is definitely recommended, and should give way to a harder touch as you continue. Timing is everything.

### What Orlando is into this week

Nice guys don't finish last — they make sure she comes first.

Long-distance relationships aren't easy, but they can be great. All it takes is extra effort and a willingness to stay connected.



Women know everything they need to about a man's passion level by the way he kisses. Make sure you're doing it right.



### Online dating

## With Willow, users get chatting right away

The new app Willow turns the concept of a traditional dating app on its head — by emphasizing a user's personality over their profile photos.



Willow was designed to get people talking. / RON CHAPPEL

Instead of having a potential match's photos be the first thing a user sees when checking out a profile, Willow asks users a series of questions right off the bat.

"I wanted to create an app that got people talking," creator Michael Bruch told Elle magazine. LAKSHMI GANDHI

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# Along, around and under the boardwalk

Quoted

"One thing I love most about Coney Island is that it holds on to its roots. It's classic Brooklyn. I hope it stays that way, even with new areas being developed."

Glenn Harris



**Coney Island.** Chef Glenn Harris knows the best food and thrills — he grew up among them.

If nothing says summer like a day trip to Coney Island, then few people know it better than Glenn Harris.

The chef/owner of Jane and The Smith, Harris' love of the area goes above and beyond. He grew up on the beach, eating Nathan's hot dogs and kissing girls under the boardwalk. He even has a Coney Island tattoo.

So as we enter the dog days of summer, the ones that can only be endured within sight of the ocean and the wind in your face as you scream along the roller coaster track at Luna Park, we asked Harris for his favorite things to eat and do. Hey, Manhattan — don't let the distance scare you. It's a straight shot on the D, F, N and Q trains, and it's just \$32 for four hours of unlimited rides on most attractions.

## Favorite eats

Even among the "tons of great food" on the boardwalk, Harris has his favorites. Go for the caramel cashew marshmallows at Williams Candy (1318 Surf Ave.); for something upscale, Gargiulo's Restaurant (2911 W. 15th St.) does Italian right. "I love their hot antipasto and pastas."



Nathan's Famous hot dogs are meant to be enjoyed, not just scarfed down in eating contests. / DRPAVLOFF, FLICKR

## The perfect day

Start at the New York Aquarium; the native sea life tank is Harris' favorite. Then head to the boardwalk and ride the classic 1927 Cyclone wooden roller coaster before lunch — pizza at Totino Pizzeria Napolitana (1524 Neptune Ave.) is always a must. Grab a drink at Ruby's Bar & Grill (1213 Boardwalk W.) and then check out the Circus Sideshow. But the good eats don't end at the boardwalk: "I would drive back home, so that on the way I can stop at L&B Spumoni Gardens (2725 86th St.) for a square slice, or Randazzo's Clam Bar (2017 Emmons Ave.) for Brooklyn-style half shells and calamari. I also like to check out the Russian food stores in Brighton Beach, where you can choose from dozens of smoked meats, sausages, fish and caviar."



Beyoncé Knowles rides the Coney Island Cyclone in her music video for her song "XO." / FILMMAGIC

Big kid paradise

## What's new?

Harris likes his thrills. The Thunderbolt steel coaster opened this summer after the original was demolished in 2000. Or catapult yourself in the air without a track on the Slingshot. Shoot the Clown, which replaced Shoot the Freak after it closed in 2010, also makes Harris' list. "One thing I love most about Coney Island is that it holds on to its roots. It's classic Brooklyn. I hope it stays that way, even with new areas being developed."

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### FILM

#### Women of the Seven Seas Surf Film Festival

Aug. 16, 7 p.m.  
Rockaway Beach Surf Club  
302 Beach 87th St., Queens  
Free, [www.lavagirlsurf.com](http://www.lavagirlsurf.com)  
Surf's up after a long day at the beach when these wave-riding women hit the big screen for a night of films about female surfers. Catch "Beyond the Surface," a film that studies the positive changes brought by surfing and yoga across southern India.

### FOOD AND DRINK

#### Dive In/Drink Up Gowanus

Aug. 15, 5 p.m.  
Various Locations  
Gowanus, Brooklyn  
Prices vary, 718-541-4378  
[www.gowanuscanalconservancy.org](http://www.gowanuscanalconservancy.org)  
It's Friday night and you're feeling brave — why not dive into the Gowanus Canal? Seriously though, don't do that. But definitely indulge in the food and wine scene that makes the Gowanus Watershed area so appealing to foodies and drinkers alike. Participants include al di la, applewood, Dassara Brooklyn Ramen and Dinosaur BBQ.

### DANCING/CLUBBING

#### Astoria Beer Garden Party

Aug. 15, 10 p.m.  
Bohemian Beer Garden  
29-19 24th Ave., Long Island City, \$5, 718-274-4925  
[www.quietevents.com](http://www.quietevents.com)  
Quiet clubbing is all the rage when you have to comply with NYC's noise ordinance. But the party's not as quiet as you might think. Three DJs spin hip-hop, '80s & '90s, and top 40s while attendees don headphones marked with an LED indicating which DJ they're rocking out to — a good way to find a dance partner.

### POOL PARTY

#### Get Wet the Ultra Pool

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### FOOD AND DRINK

#### Wine Bar War

Aug. 20, 7 p.m.  
Villain  
50 N. Third St., Brooklyn  
\$75, [www.winebarwar.com](http://www.winebarwar.com)  
Experience a live version of "Top Chef Restaurant Wars," but with wine! Next Wednesday, four sommeliers including former Jean-Georges winehound Morgan Harris and Chris Raftery of Corkbuzz will have just 10 hours to create and open their own unique Chilean wine bars. Their drinks, food and design must all evoke Chile, as a trip there is the grand prize. And you could be going too, just for attending.

### FILM

#### 'Web Junkie'

Through Aug. 19  
Film Forum  
209 W. Houston St.  
212-727-8110  
\$7.50-\$13,  
[www.filmforum.org](http://www.filmforum.org)  
Two documentarians got their cameras inside one of China's 400 notorious military-style "deprogramming" camps for teenagers addicted to the Internet — or as Chinese authorities call it, "electronic heroin." The film follows four teens, some of whom were tricked or forced into the camp, through a bizarre gauntlet of prison life, hospital treatment and drill exercises even as they cling to their online life, which they see as more real than their own.



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#### Short Shorts 3: From Dusk 'til Dawn

Aug. 16, 6 p.m.  
Location TBA, Brooklyn  
\$20-\$35, [www.bangon-nyc.com](http://www.bangon-nyc.com)  
No, this isn't a screening of the classic Quentin Tarantino/Robert Rodriguez bloodfest. But it is a 12-hour romp featuring live music, an enormous slip 'n' slide, a barbecue pit, circus performers, body painting and pancakes at dawn. Prizes will be awarded to the man and woman wearing the shortest short shorts — scissors will be available at the door.

#### Madonnathon

Aug. 16, 8 p.m.  
Brooklyn Bowl  
61 Wythe Ave., Williamsburg  
\$15, 718-963-3369  
[www.brooklynbowl.com](http://www.brooklynbowl.com)  
This tribute show and dance party is on its 11th year of voguing and Madonnathoning. Dress up and get into the groove for a chance at prizes.

### FESTIVALS

#### Summer Streets

Aug. 16, 7 a.m.  
Manhattan, Park Avenue  
Free, 212-639-9675  
[www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov)  
From Brooklyn Bridge to Central Park, seven miles of streets will

be blocked off for pedestrians to run, walk, bike, take a salsa dancing lesson, eat healthy snacks, climb a 25-foot wall, fly through the air on a 160-foot zipline and explore a 179-year-old voice tunnel. Sorry drivers, you're in the wrong city anyway.

#### Jazz Age Lawn Party

Aug. 16-17, 11 a.m.  
Governors Island  
\$35, 646-543-8699  
[www.jazzagelawnparty.com](http://www.jazzagelawnparty.com)  
In case you missed it earlier this summer — or just didn't get enough — put on your flapper best and take in 1920s-themed music, events and even food. But who needs activities while the city parades its finery all around you?

### COMPETITION

#### McDonald's B-Boy Royale

Aug. 16, 7 p.m.  
NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts  
566 LaGuardia Place  
\$15-\$20, 212-992-8484  
[www.mcdonaldsnystristate.com](http://www.mcdonaldsnystristate.com)  
McDonald's rolls out the linoleum welcome mat for NYC's largest breakdance competition, with eight award-winning dance crews from all over the States going at it in a tournament for a chance to win \$3,000.

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#### Speed Roommating

Aug. 20, 7 p.m.  
The Playwright,  
732 Eighth Ave.  
Free, 877-257-4944  
[www.speedroommating.com](http://www.speedroommating.com)  
Looking for a room? Got a room available? This is a good way to sort through the psychos and not end up living with Snooki, the Situation or Norman Bates. JAY HONSTETTER



**Horoscope****♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.**

Love is in the stars. You can make a good impression without spending a lot of money. A commitment to someone you have a long history with is apparent.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.**

Fix up your surroundings. An organized home life will clear your mind. A family member will help you find a way to make extra cash.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.**

Indulge your generous spirit by offering your time, not your money. Participate in local activities in order to make new friends.

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov.**

21. Put in extra effort on a professional venture that interests you. Go with the flow, because fighting change will wear you out. Flexibility will help you.

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.**

You have a knack for spotting trends. Knowing what to expect will help you make a profit.

**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan.**

20. You should make time for personal matters that need to be resolved. If you are feeling restless, consult with family members and discuss change.

**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb.**

18. Be honest and do whatever is necessary to sort out pending problems. Love is highlighted. A current relationship will advance.

**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.**

If you seem to be caught on a treadmill, do something to take your mind off of your worries. Take a short trip.

**♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.**

You have the edge over the competition. Don't be afraid to face a challenge. You have the ability to turn situations in your favor.

**♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.**

Relax and make plans. Do your own thing and refrain from trying to influence or manipulate people.

**♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.**

Spend your day doing things that you enjoy. Decorating, getting together with friends or indulging in your favorite hobby will ease your stress.

**♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.**

Don't try to be the center of attention. Learn by being a spectator. A situation that you thought you'd assessed properly will be different.

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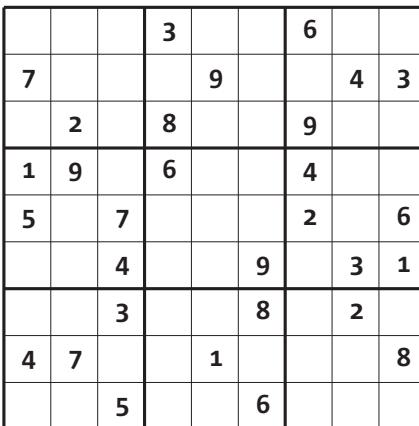
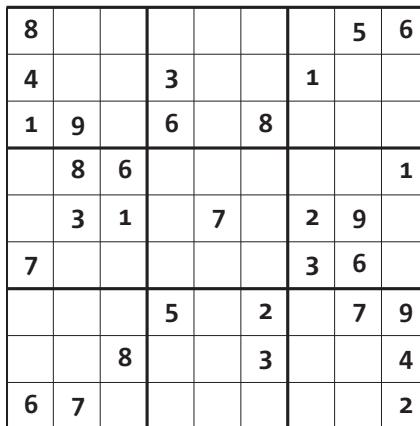
**Letters****American is wrong to side with Israel**

PIED Gaza Strip, meaning that Israel has pretty much turned it into a cage for these people and they are suffering. Bombing schools and killing an overwhelming number of civilians is a war crime. The United Nations said as much, but the United States disagrees because we are aiding them. Palestine had a chance have its own statehood and the United Nations would probably have granted it, but guess who vetoed them: Israel's government, like ours sometimes, is very wrong. To say that a people deserve the type of atrocities that are occurring is very dangerous.

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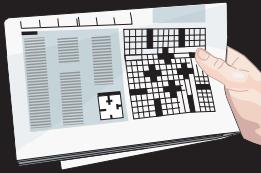
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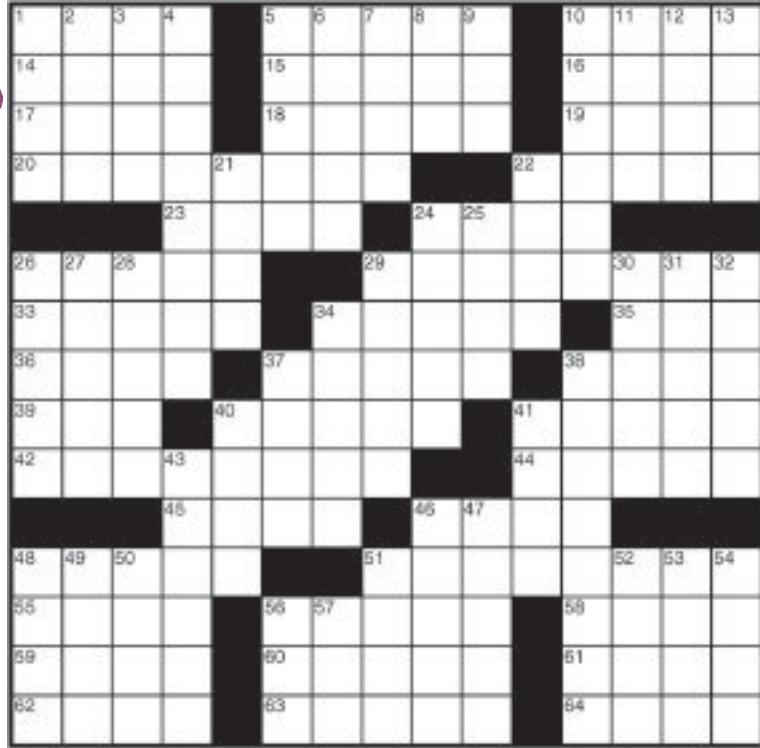
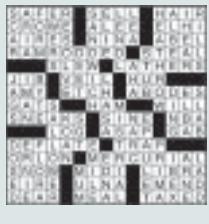
**Crossword****Across**

- 1 Scribbles down
- 5 Bogged down
- 10 Falafel bean
- 14 — the air
- 15 Remove chalk
- 16 Party-tray cheese
- 17 Showroom event
- 18 Clemency
- 19 Hindu noblewoman
- 20 Single-file (hyph.)
- 22 Wanted-poster word
- 23 It turns litmus blue
- 24 Kid around
- 26 Nature walk
- 29 Trout
- 33 Ms. Zellweger
- 34 "The Eve of St. —"
- 35 Caesar's 1002
- 36 Mideast title
- 37 Dixie serving
- 38 Baby whale
- 39 Kipling novel
- 40 Ms. Verdugo
- 41 Seattle's Sound
- 42 Piling up
- 44 Abrasive mineral
- 45 "Fancy" singer
- 46 Jingle or haiku
- 48 Wingless insects
- 51 Had no taste for
- 55 In case
- 56 Fridge maker

- 58 Moniker
- 59 Kitty starter
- 60 "Beauty and the Beast" remake
- 61 Fitness centers
- 62 Garden dweller
- 63 Accord maker
- 64 Drench

**Down**

- 1 Martial art
- 2 Sign on a door
- 3 Microwave button
- 4 More haughty
- 5 FYI notes
- 6 Castle or Dunne
- 7 Steakhouse order
- 8 PC key
- 9 Susan of "L.A. Law"
- 10 Trendy pet
- 11 Sandler of "The Waterboy"
- 12 Barn topper
- 13 Surrounded by
- 21 Type of lock
- 22 "We try harder" company
- 24 Coup plotters
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## SPORTS



Ailing O's

### Machado placed on DL

Orioles star third baseman Manny Machado was placed on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday with a sprained right knee.

The 2013 All-Star injured himself on a swing in Monday's game against the Yankees. An MRI came back negative any structural damage, but the O's wouldn't put a timetable on his return. Baltimore led the AL East by 6 1/2 games going into Wednesday.

**NFL.** The Jets suffered a terrible loss last season against Cincinnati in a low point for their season.

The second preseason game tends to separate the men from the boys a little, and the Jets are hoping to have some players hit puberty sooner rather than later. The Bengals were a playoff team last year, so it should be a good test for the Jets.

But the trip to southwestern Ohio isn't always pleasant for the Jets.

The Jets were run off the field by the Bengals in their worst loss of last season in Week 8. The 49-9 score line was bad, but the benching of rookie quarterback Geno Smith and first-round pick, cornerback Dee Milliner, turned out to be a season-low for this team.

The Jets come into this game with confidence off a 13-10 win against the Colts.

Metro looks at three storylines to watch as the Jets travel to Cincinnati for Saturday's game (7 p.m., CBS2).

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# 3 Stories to watch as Jets play the Bengals

## Primary problem

The losses of Milliner — indefinitely with a high ankle sprain — and Dexter McDougle — to a season-ending torn ACL — is bad for a Jets secondary that was without first-round pick safety Calvin Pryor (concussion) for last week's preseason opener.

Exacerbating the issue, Dimitri Patterson was poor in the Colts game, giving up big yards and an even bigger cushion in his coverage. The Bengals game will be an opportunity to see how Ras-I Dowling, Darrin Walls and Ellis Lankster can

step into the cornerback competition. In addition, safety Antonio Allen has been getting reps at cornerback. Given his background in college at linebacker, he would have some mobility concerns matching up against wide receivers. But Allen has done well in coverage against tight ends in the past.



DARRIN WALLS IS ONE OF THE INEXPERIENCED CORNERBACKS WHO WILL SEE EXTENDED TIME.

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## Speed to burn

The Jets's wide receiving corps added a big name in Eric Decker this offseason, they have a returning young star-in-the-making in Jeremy Kerley and a former high draft pick with a lot to prove in Stephen Hill.

So it would be easy to overlook Saalim Hakim in the wide receiver shuffle. A former undrafted rookie free agent out of small-time Palomar Junior College in 2012, Hakim is a speedster who is raw fundamentally but can stretch defenses. Hakim, the younger brother of former Rams and Lions wide receiver Az-Zahir Hakim, ran a 4.22 40-yard dash at his pro day a couple years ago. He has been impressive in training camp, but it remains to be seen if he can perform that way in pads.



HAKIM COULD ALSO PLAY ON SPECIAL TEAMS.

## Time for Tajh

There was a time when Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd was projected to be one of the top signal callers selected when he declared for the draft.

But come this past May, Boyd ended up falling way down on team's draft boards and the Jets ended up taking him in the sixth round. He's in a battle with incumbent backup, and brief starter,

Matt Simms.

Simms, who played the entire second half last week against the Colts, may not play against Cincinnati. But Boyd was given the all-clear to play by head coach Rex Ryan.

Boyd hasn't always looked particularly sharp in training camp, but many fans probably want to get an eye on a player who was a first-team All-America two seasons ago. And don't forget, if Geno Smith doesn't work out long term, Michael Vick will only be a temporary replacement at best.



BOYD LED CLEMSON TO AN UPSET OF OHIO STATE IN THE ORANGE BOWL IN HIS LAST COLLEGE GAME.

## No Luck necessary

### Giants vs. Colts: Three things to watch

The Giants have a third opportunity to make things right with their new offense Saturday in Indianapolis (7 p.m., NBC4).

#### 1 Nick of time

Giants fans might not be enthusiastic with how starting wide receivers Victor Cruz and Rueben Randle

have looked so far, but they don't need to miss Hakeem Nicks. The Giants will see their old friend who signed with Indy in the offense, but he's struggled badly and fallen on the depth chart.

#### 2 Luck

Andrew Luck is turning into one of the few No. 1 overall picks to live up to the hype. The Colts QB looked good against the Jets last week (4-of-5, 53 yards) and



LUCK HAS MADE THE PRO BOWL IN BOTH SEASONS OF HIS CAREER.

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will be a good test for the Giants' first-team defense.

## 3 Getting a 'Beat' on left tackle

While Odell Beckham is still a question mark, Will Beatty will get his first playing time of the preseason Saturday. The left tackle broke his leg at the end of last season — one in which he struggled badly after a big contract extension.

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## TRUE SLEEPERS ARE THE GIFTS THAT KEEP GIVING

We should bust some bubbles nice and early: Cordarrelle Patterson is not a sleeper. Neither is Gio Bernard, Andre Ellington or Toby Gerhart. In order to find a real sleeper, we're going to have to dig deeper and be willing to take risks.

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Last year, Emmanuel Sanders and Jerricho Cotchery combined for 113 receptions and 16 touchdowns from Ben Roethlisberger. Both are gone now, leaving second-year man Markus Wheaton entrenched as the starting "X" opposite "Z" Antonio Brown. It's the same role Mike Wallace used to play, which is interesting because Wheaton drew Wallace

## NFL risers

- Jonathan Grimes, RB, HOU: Grimes is now second on the depth chart behind injury-plagued, and 27-year-old, Arian Foster.
- Bernard Pierce, RB, BAL: He's outplaying Ray Rice at camp as they adjust to Gary Kubiak's one-cut scheme. Bounce-back year for Pierce.

comparisons coming out of Oregon State. This is a guy with 4.4-second 40-yard speed, one that played ahead of fellow Beaver Brandin Cooks in 2012, and he's expanding his route tree rapidly.

## ZE stands for TD

We started to see a little of what Zach Ertz is capable of late in his rookie year, as he caught five touch-

downs across the final nine games (including playoffs). Now Ertz is gaining more traction in his second season and is ticketed for a major role as the Eagles try to replace DeSean Jackson. He is a walking red-zone mismatch thanks to his unique athletic ability and 6-foot-5, 250-pound frame. Ertz is currently the 11th tight end off the board in fantasy drafts, often available in the 10th round.



Zach Ertz had 36 receptions for 469 yards in his first season in Philadelphia. / GETTY IMAGES

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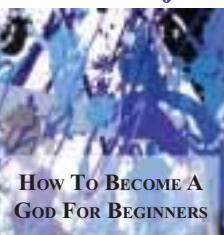
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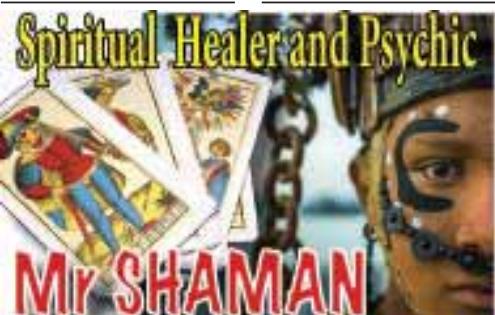
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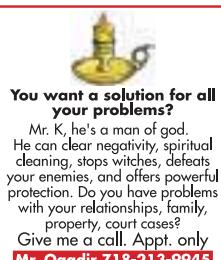
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# YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO RELAX.



You have the right to a resting heart rate of 65 bpm. You have the right to watch a sunrise. You have the right to free ice cream.

You do. It's there in the Declaration of Independence under "*the pursuit of happiness.*" You can take a day off every now and then. (*And you've earned it.*) You can believe the world will continue all by itself, without your intervention every five minutes. You can believe Monday will be just as Mondayish, with all its mundane Monday things to do, even if you played hooky today.

Let's say you got off at the next stop. Let's say you took some time to remind yourself that you live in the greatest city in America, which is the greatest country in the world, precisely because it gives you this freedom: *to do what you want to do.*

So you got off and maybe you walked in the park, soaked in the sun. Maybe you watched a dog chase a ball. Maybe someone smiled at you. Maybe you saw a Tommy Bahama ice cream truck where they're giving away free soft serve vanilla and chocolate today, and you had some, and it was really good. (*No really, free ice cream!*) Maybe you called a friend, and the two of you met in a bar, where you shared a late brunch and an early cocktail.

Maybe you did all that. What's the worst thing that could happen? Don't answer that. Instead, ask this: what's the *best thing*

that could happen? Maybe you'll meet an interesting stranger. Maybe you'll have an adventure that will *totally change your life*. Or maybe you'll just spend a pleasant day living the very fine life you already have. Maybe you'll turn the coming weekend into *one long weekend*. Maybe you'll go back to work Monday a little more refreshed, a little more alive.

Here's a fact: you don't know what will happen, but the good probably outweighs the bad. Here's another fact: today is **NATIONAL RELAXATION DAY**. A day set aside for all of us to take full advantage of this freedom we have.

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